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Subject: Adding Juneau Access to briefing sheet need edits to excerpt ASAP

I used text from the Large Projects call and some from previous briefing docs. Seems like the text needs updating regarding the timeframe for the SEIS?

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1. **Juneau Access Transportation Project:** On September 14, 2011 the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) announced that it will begin the process with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to complete a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Juneau Access Improvements project. The main purpose of the project is to improve surface transportation between Juneau, Haines and Skagway (increase traffic volume & frequency, decrease travel time). The SEIS will fully evaluate a stand-alone alternative that improves service in Lynn Canal using existing AMHS assets. The supplemental EIS will also update the Final EIS reasonable alternatives and will address changes in applicable laws, regulations, and approvals. DOT&PF anticipates the SEIS process will take approximately two years, with a draft SEIS released in late 2012, a final SEIS released in mid 2013, and a new Record of Decision (ROD) approved later that year. DOT&PF has contracted with the firm HDR Alaska, Inc. to prepare the SEIS and many of the required supporting documents.

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Project History: In 1997- DEIS. EPA rates DEIS as “EO-2” based on aquatic impacts and poor analysis; in 2005- SDEIS. EPA rates SDEIS as “EO-2” for similar reasons; in 2006- FEIS & ROD. FHWA decides to build Alternative 2B. Corps issues 404 public notice. **EPA sends Corps 3(a) & 3(b) letters.** 2 interagency meetings held to discuss EPA’s comments; and in 2007, 2008- Corps works with ADOT, FHWA & EPA to address EPA’s comments.

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Status: PDSEIS for Cooperating Agency review expected January 2014 with a DSEIS expected February 2014.

Thanks

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